

Bluff Town Council Meeting
March 17, 2020
Bluff Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
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Regular meetings are held the first three Tuesdays of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Bluff Community Center. Requests to be on the agenda may be submitted in writing to Ann Leppanen (ann@townofbluff.org) at least 4 days before the meeting. Agendas and minutes are posted at:
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Draft Minutes

The meeting started at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call Mayor Ann K. Leppanen, Luanne Hook, Brant Murray, Linda Sosa

Approval of Bluff Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of 3/10/2020

Murray motioned to approve the minutes with several modifications, Hook seconded and Leppanen, Hook Sosa, and Murray voted in favor.

Approval of Bluff Town Council Special Meeting Minutes of 3/13/2020

Murray motioned to approve the minutes, Hook seconded and Leppanen, Hook Sosa, and Murray voted in favor.

Presentation by Drew Cooper of Rural Utah Project on "Plus Codes"

Tabled until a later date

Unfinished Business

1. Update on Decisions Around COVID-19, San Juan Public Health Order, Changes to Those Decisions/Orders, and Consideration of Meetings by Remote (All)

Leppanen was invited to be on the County Task Force and attended the first meeting this morning. Members will call in to the County daily with updates regarding their entity. Every other day the group will do a phone conference. She is taking information and questions from locals daily by noon and will pass them on to the task force. Please use ann@townofbluff.org or 672-9990. The County will take the lead in closing businesses and will follow CDC and State guidelines. SLC, Park City, and Moab have closed motels to non-residents and food services are changing to take-out. This could push travelers into our county. Bluff is self-limiting food services. The process of SBL help is getting out to businesses. Amanda Podmore has emailed the creation of a local support and

relief group and Leppanen suggested coordination of groups so information and services are not duplicated.

2. Update on USU Community Gardens and Letter of Support from the Town of Bluff (Leppanen)

Reagan Wytalucy asked for a letter of support for grants from the USDA and Leppanen wrote one and got it to her.

3. Update on CIB and CDBG Grants (Sayers/Leppanen)

Sayers was not available to talk about the CIB. The CDBG has been getting reports from Sunrise.

4. Update on Copper Cliff II Road (Murray/Haviken)

Murray and Michael Haviken met today, Haviken has asked Craig Simpson for specific information they need for their conclusions.

5. Review and Rewrite of Part-time Town Clerk Job Description (Leppanen)

This was put on hold; the current need is someone to act as an information conduit between agencies, entities, and the public. Leppanen, as task person representative, is now working in this capacity and after the County process is streamlined the Council will consider a local person to take it off her plate.

New Business

6. Report on BSA meeting March 11 (Sosa)

The BSA is working on the process of verifying petition signatures and working with the Lt. Governor to iron out a few hang-ups. They voted to give the Council a locking file cabinet they emptied. Linda Richmond is working with the State Auditor and noted the kitchen made \$18 dollars last year. A November bill to Diamond Propane never got cashed and the BSA is resubmitting it.

7. Report on BOB meeting March 12 (Sosa)

Natalie Randall presented this roll out of the Bluff tourist booklet and rip map. Both were beautiful and professional. Business owners were very concerned about their businesses and employee's welfare. Randall informed the group about Mexican Hat Bridge replacement starting in May which will further impact their businesses. They have started getting cancelations. Leppanen contacted UDOT about the impact to tourism because of closures and rerouting but was informed the project would continue and the narrowness on the bridge entrances added to the difficulty of the project.

8. Report on County Commission meeting March 16 (Leppanen)

Canceled, although the Commissioners met for a vote.

9. Report on Emergency Preparedness Meeting March 15 (Leppanen/Sosa)

Dawn Dilego and Kathy Carson explained the protocols they and County dispatch have in place for protection and triage. Dispatch screens people for the flu or Covid-19, the EMTs screen for severity. Some people are encouraged to call their doctor and follow

their instructions about a hospital visit. Dilego stressed the importance of staying calm and not spreading rumors. Find the facts.

10. Review and Approval of Zions Banking Resolution (Leppanen)

This is a yearly requirement. Murray motioned that the Council keep using Zions Bank, Hook seconded and Leppanen, Sosa, Hook, and Murray voted in favor.

11. Truth-in-Taxation Discussion (All)

Leppanen is starting this process as the Council prepares to take the Town Property tax. The BSA notified the County they would not change rates in December. Leppanen will check with Chris McAnany for the process that includes being part of the budget, working with the County auditor, and a public hearing. It will be finished in August.

12. Planning and Zoning, Roads, and Water (All)

P&Z cancelled their public hearing. Leppanen will check with Marx Powell about the safety of the water system because there have been local questions. The March 31st annual UDOT has been cancelled.

13. Financial Report (Sosa)

Sosa emailed Council members the February reconciliation. The current bills are:

Pelorus - \$400.00

Contract Labor - \$74.00

4hrs @\$18.50 sanitizing CC after FCM, Bennett

Frontier - \$68.10

Sosa explained the best practices of two members checking the reconciliation and she checked February with Leppanen. Council members will take turns.

Adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Linda Sosa Recording Officer